

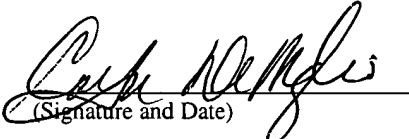
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SERIAL NO. : 09/806,531 EXAMINER: Frank Wei Min Lu, Ph.D.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, having a due date for response extended by one (1) month so as to expire November 14, 2005, please consider the following amendment and remarks.